Karimeducheri slum : The alternative site is under acquisition. Eight fields still remain to be handed over to the Corporation of Madras. Before these fields can be handed over, the standing crops in two of the fields have to be harvested while the compensation for four fields have to be settled, and the objection raised by the owner of the remaining two fields have to be considered. It is expected that all these things will be settled by the end of March 1961.

Co-operative farming

* 776 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any staff has been employed to do propaganda about the benefits of co-operative farming; and

(*b*) if so, the details of their salary and their functions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

* 777 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken at the meeting of the National Development Council held in September 1960 for starting pilot schemes on co-operative farming?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is understood that at its meeting held on 13th September 1960, the National Development Council endorsed the recommendations of the working group on Co-operative Farming under the Chairmanship of Sri S. Nijalingappa. The Council has agreed to the working groups' proposal to start 320 Pilot Projects in the country, which will be in addition to the programmes for development of Co-operative Farming which would be normally formulated by the States.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether there was any proposal to set up a Co-operative Farm in each Block in this State? If so, may I know why there was failure in setting up this Co-operative Farm?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This is a proposal for 1961-62. That is, we should select in Madras State ten areas and start Co-operative Farms in those areas. That is the proposal. I may inform the hon. Member that there has been no failure. The proposal itself is for 1961–62.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the Government have drawn the attention of the State Evaluation Committee to the present defective system of functioning of co-operative farms and if so, whether any modifications have been proposed and the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It would be helpful if the hon. Member points out any particular defect. If he should generally state ' defective system ' I am unable to understand what he means.

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MR. SPEAKER : I endorse the Hon. Minister's view. When the hon. Member generally states 'defective system', he presumes that it exists. Let the hon. Member put a specific question instead of making a general statement like this.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : At present the co-operative farms are set up only to get more grants from the Government, instead of producing more. In such cases, may I know what the Government propose to do?

MR. SPEAKER : This is another insinuation. Does the Hon. Minister agree with the statement made by the hon. Member?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I just want to clear the misapprehension. Because, we see that this sort of wrong impression goes about among the people. Co-operative farming is done by small and poor landholders and they do not have the wherewithal to buy the ploughs, implements and other things. Therefore, the Government give subsidies in respect of certain items and half-grants in respect of other items. If that is stopped, the poor cultivator will continue to remain poor and he cannot improve agriculture.

Copper

* 778 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of persons and firms for whom quotas were allotted for the supply of copper, zinc, iron and steel by the Government and the quantity allotted to each of them for the last three years?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Statements containing particulars of the number of persons and firms for whom quotas were allotted for the supply of copper, zinc, iron and steel by the Government and the quantity allotted to each of them for the last three years are placed in the Legislature Library.

Nuisance

* 779 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have instructed the City and Town Police to be more vigilant in the matter of rounding up people committing nuisance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. But it is usual as part of the regular police duty to depute moving beats from the night section men early in the morning as a preventive measure and also to prosecute people committing nuisance.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that City lanes and streets have become good breeding grounds for all diseases because of the nuisance committed and if so, will the Government take more vigorous steps to see that the people who commit nuisance are rounded up immediately?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would request the hon. Member to note down particular spots which are bad and communicate it to the Commissioner of Police.